

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2006**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 326 House Office Building**

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The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by **Representative Leon Drolet**, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons, Tobocman and Lipsey.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Lemmons, III.

**Representative Garfield** moved to adopt the minutes of the **May 2, 2006** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chairman Drolet** laid **HB 5633** before the committee:

HB 5633   Hoogendyk            State; symbol; English; establish as the official state language.

**TESTIMONY**

**Representative Hoogendyk**, sponsor of HB 5633, explained his bill to the committee and submitted informational handouts. Questions and discussion followed.

**Robert Toonkel**, representing U.S. English Inc., testified in support of the bill and submitted written testimony.

**Kevin Fobbs**, representing the National Urban Policy Action Council (NUPAC), testified in support of the bill.

**David Tijerina**, representing himself, testified in opposition to the bill and submitted written testimony.

**Debby Painter**, representing herself, testified in support of the bill and submitted written testimony.

**Robert Weiss**, representing the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars, testified in support of the bill.

**Chris Chojnowski**, representing the Michigan Federation for Immigration Reform and Enforcement, testified in support of the bill and submitted a handout on demographic breakdown for Zogby International Poll.

**Nick Bozen**, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries, submitted a card indicating neutrality on the bill.

**Dale Herder, Ph.D.**, representing himself, submitted a card and written testimony in support of the bill.

**Michael Williams**, State Legislative Chairman, American Legion, Department of Michigan, submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

**Lori Wilson**, President, Michigan Association of Register of Deeds, submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

**Hashem Hilal, M.D.**, representing himself, submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

**Gustav Uhlich, M.D.**, representing himself, submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

A petition with 44 signatures was submitted to the committee in support of the bill.

**Representative Hoogendyk** moved to adopt the substitute **(H-1)** to **HB 5633**. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **7-0-1**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons and Lipsey,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representative Tobocman.

**Representative Lipsey** offered the following amendment to **HB 5633 (H-1)**:

1. Amend page 1, line 6, by inserting:

"(3) This act does not prohibit a state agency or a local unit of government from providing documents, publishing written materials, or providing website content in any language." and renumbering the remaining subsections.

**Representative Lipsey** moved to adopt the amendment. The motion was supported by **Representative Hoogendyk**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons, Tobocman and Lipsey,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Representative Gosselin** moved to report **HB 5633** with recommendation, as substitute (**H-2**). The motion was supported by **Representative Hoogendyk**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons, Tobocman and Lipsey,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Representative Sheen** moved to excuse Representative Lemmons, III from committee. The motion was supported by **Representative Tobocman**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

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**Representative Leon Drolet, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Government Operations**  
Malika Abdur-Rashid  
Committee Clerk  
517-373-7256  
1 Hour and 32 Minutes